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Dr. Emily A.A. Dow, Assistant Secretary for Academic Affairs Maryland Higher Education Commission 6 N. Liberty Street 10th Floor Baltimore, MD 21201

Dr. Emily A. A. Dow:

On behalf of the Maryland Board of Nursing, Ms. Karen E.B. Evans, Executive Director, the U.S. Department of Education guidelines were sent last week. At this time during the COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic, the Maryland Board of Nursing will accept simulation formatted clinical practices in place of students going to clinical sites for nursing programs and CNA/GNA programs for the remainder of the current semester. In addition, an alternative course format, such as online; distance learning education; or virtual learning, will be considered as an acceptable modality for students to complete the didactic portion of their courses.

If you have any further questions regarding this matter, please contact Ms. Karen E.B. Evans at karene.evans@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,

Karen E.B. Evans, MSN,RN-BC SD-CLTC, RN-CLTC, CLC

**Executive Director NLC Commissioner** 

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Trish Gordon McCown, Director for Academic Affairs, Maryland Higher Education cc:

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